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LOK SABHA

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Production of Spices
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of spices produced every year in the country;
(b) the percentage of produced spices exported and the percentage of spices released separately for domestic consumption during the last three years and the current year;
(c) whether the quantity of spices released for domestic consumption is sufficient to fulfil the requirement of spices for the local consumers;
(d) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the demand of domestic market for consumption of spices for local consumers; and
(e) the procedure adopted for making balance between the demand in local market for domestic consumption and demand in foreign market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
(a) to (e): The annual production of spices in the country is around 6 million tonne, out of which around 14% is exported while the rest is available for domestic consumption which is sufficient to meet the domestic demand. The details of production, export and domestic consumption of spices for the last 3 years are given below:
(Fig. in MT)
Year Production of spices Export of Spices Domestic consumption
2013-14 58,33,870 8,17,250
(14.01%) 43,74,635
(85.99%)
2014-15(*) 61,69,900 8,93,920
(14.49%) 46,02,490
(85.51%)
2015-16(*) 61,87,590 8,43,255
(13.64%) 46,83,715
(86.36%)
2016-17 NA 4,37,360** NA
(*) provisional
(**) Export of spices From April 16 to Sept.16
(NA) not available as harvesting of the most of the spices have not been completed
Government implements several programmes for increasing production and availability of spices such as Cardamom through the Spices Board and other spices through the State Horticulture Missions under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). While on one hand, programmes aimed at increasing production and ensuring remunerative prices to farmers through pre and post harvest management and support activities are undertaken, on the other hand, the industry is assisted through adoption of upgraded technology in spice processing, setting up of quality evaluation labs, quality certification and making them available for exports.

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